

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-73-T - ORDER NO. 2005-529
SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

IN RE: Application of Minute Man Movers, LLC,)	ORDER APPROVING AN
10621 Broad River Road, Columbia, South)	INCREASE IN FUEL
Carolina 29063 (District 2) to for a Class E)	SURCHARGE
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Minute Man Movers, LLC (Minute Man or the Company) for an increase in the Company's approved 5% fuel surcharge to 10%. Minute Man states that this increase is needed, due to higher gasoline and diesel fuel costs.

We have also received, however, a letter from the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) related to this matter. ORS states that, in light of the steady increase in fuel prices over the past several months, ORS does not oppose the Commission's consideration of the request on an expedited basis. ORS further notes that Minute Man Movers, LLC was issued a Class E Certificate on June 29, 2004. Included in their tariff was a 5% fuel surcharge when the average price of diesel fuel was 167.2 cents per gallon. ORS states that the average price of diesel fuel as of September 5, 2005 was 285.3 cents per gallon. This represents a 59% increase in fuel price from their base price. Applying a 59% increase to the Company's current fuel charge yields a fuel surcharge of 8% rather than 10%. Based on this analysis, ORS supports an additional 3% fuel surcharge added to the

base 5% fuel charge. Given the current volatility of gas prices, ORS would request that, if granted, that the order state that the issue be revisited in three months from the date of the order.

We deny the request of Minute Man Movers to increase the fuel surcharge from 5% to 10%, since Minute Man provided no supporting data other than stating that its fuel costs have increased. However, we approve the recommendation of the Office of Regulatory Staff, which is supported by data, to increase the Company's fuel surcharge from 5% to 8%, and that ORS review the fuel surcharge three months from the date of this Order.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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